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Campus safety a legitimate concern

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Staff Writer

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Each colored square on the map marks where a convicted offender lives or works.

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According to PUC's annual crime stats, between 2006 and 2008, crime has been low on and around the PUC campus. For 2007 and 2008, only three aggravated assaults occurred on campus, while eight assaults occurred off campus. Burglary was the most prominent crime committed with a total of 17 burglary cases occurring on campus, 53 cases off campus, and two cases in the dorms during the three year period.

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The Disaster Center reports, in 2008, 1,702 violent rapes occurred against women, translating to 28.9 forced rapes per 100,000 people. This statistic ranks Indiana as the 32nd highest in terms of sex-related crimes.

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Currently there have not been any sexual assaults at PUC between 2006 and 2008. The National Institute of Justice reports three percent of all college women fall victim to either completed or attempted rape during a nine month academic year. That is 30 crimes per 1000 women. Although the statistical number is small, the crime rate is still high.

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A list by the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry on Oct. 29 reported 203 sex and violent offenders live within in a five-mile radius of the PUC campus. Before the list was updated, the Registry reported that a registered offender attended classes at PUC. There are those who live near campus who were convicted of rape and/or child molestation.

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PUC students 'blog' their way through school

Andrea Drac
Assistant News Editor

Blogging is everywhere and rapidly becoming the new trend, but few may know that one can also blog for PUC. Most people have heard of places such as Google's Blogger.com or LiveJournal, where you can create your own journal and customize it just how you like it. Social networking sites like Myspace, Facebook and others, like Yahoo and Windows Live, also offer blogging options.

There is, however, a section on the PUC website that links to student blogs. These students are asked to blog, so current and prospective students can get a taste of campus life through current students' eyes.

One blogger, David Ober, is a senior majoring in Computer Graphics Technology and the president of SGA. He was asked to be a student blogger by PUC administration.

"I was actually referred to someone in the Admissions Department by a co-worker who thought that I would enjoy blogging to prospective and current students," Ober said. "I got an e-mail asking me if I wanted to participate, and I jumped at the offer."

A friend's trip was what inspired Ober to join the "blogosphere."

"I got into blogging when a friend of mine went to China for the summer and blogged about his experience," Ober said. "It was then that I realized how awesome it would be to blog about interesting life experiences that I have had."

To read the PUC student blogs, visit http://calumet.purdue.edu/blogs

Ober says the biggest influence on his blogging was the film "Julie & Julia".

"It's based on a book where this woman blogged about her cooking experiences as she progressed through a cookbook written by Julia Child. After seeing this movie I realized that blogging has become such a major part of our culture," Ober said.

In his blog, Ober mostly writes about school and family life, but he also writes mini movie reviews.

"My favorite part about blogging is when I get a new comment," Ober said. "I really enjoy getting feedback, be it positive or not so positive, on my posts because it shows me that people are reading my posts and also that it was interesting enough that they commented on it."

Ober tries to write in his blog at least once a week.

"I don't get paid to write my blog," Ober said. "I do it for fun when I have free time or an interesting thought that I want to share."

While Ober suggests blogging to anybody, he realizes that it is not for everyone.

"It all depends on who the intended audience is," Ober said. "If you are writing a blog that you intend others to read and comment on then the content has to be fresh and interesting. Some people may find that too difficult and time-consuming a task."

Another student blogger is Brandon Griffin, a sophomore majoring in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. His blogs are mostly about his life in the world of business and entrepreneurship.

Griffin started his first business venture at ten years old called BLG Publishing. Two years later, he started his second business venture called Quality Web Solutions. In 2009, Griffin became the first person to be inducted into the Society of Innovators under the age of 18, and he was named one of the 20 most successful business people under the age of 40 by BusINess Magazine.

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PUC invites leading alums back for recognition

Marissa O'Donley
Staff Writer

PUC isn't just for current students. Alumni from many of PUC's different concentrations of study will be visiting the school once again to participate in Alumni Leader's Day.

Alumni Leader's Day is also when awards are given to the most successful alumni in many of PUC's majors. Some of these majors include Engineering, Communication and Creative Arts, and Teacher Preparation. PUC's faculty chooses the recipients based on the alumnus' professional successes and leadership skills shown after leaving PUC.

Alumni Leader's Day takes place in Alumni Hall on the third floor of SUL on Nov. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

To register for Alumni Leader's Day, email your request to PAC@calumet.purdue.edu or call (219) 989-2308.

Diana Virijevich, the director of annual giving and alumni affairs, said that in choosing the recipients, the alumni program mainly picked former students who have been out of school for ten years or more, have shown major progression within their field, and have had an impact on the company for which they work.

Participation in Alumni Leader's Day is free and open to all students; however, they must register prior to the event. There will be an awards ceremony as well as a panel discussion, so students will have a chance to ask questions at the event. Virijevich encourages students to register and attend, as this is a great opportunity to talk to people that have been successful within their respective fields.

Some of the honorees this year are Denise Hughes of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, Roman Modrowski of ESPNChicago.com, and Fred C. Keith of Ford Motor Company. In total there are roughly 20 alumni who will receive awards. Last year, 21 people were awarded on Alumni Leader's Day.

Blogging

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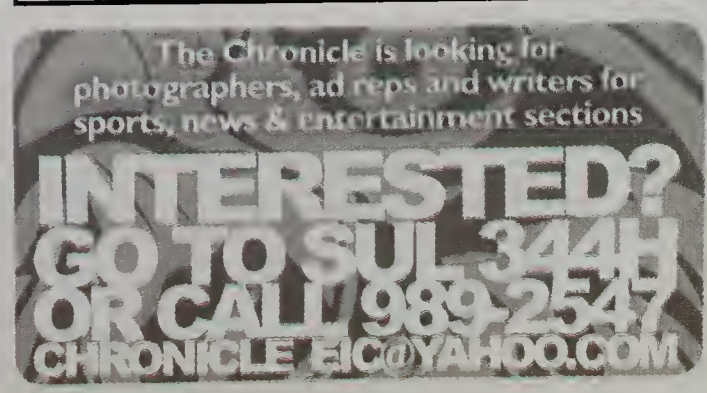
Aside from writing about business and marketing, Griffin also likes to write about food, particularly where to get all the best discounts at fast food restaurants.

In his blog, Griffin also has a category called "College Q's" where he answers questions about college life, such as what the professors are like, what there is to do on campus, what books you need, how to pick your major and much more.

Coming from the small republic of Suriname, South America, Hospitality & Tourism Management major Ruby D'Azevedo often talks about her visits home in her blog. She also talks about trips she's made to other countries as well.

"I just got back from a one month trip to India and it was amazing! So amazing that I didn't want to come back yet," D'Azevedo wrote in her blog on Aug. 22 about the trip she took to India.

D'Azevedo also writes about her school experiences and her classes in her blog.



David Ober
Student Body President

I want to take this opportunity to provide an update on the Fall Break Proposal that is currently sitting in the Faculty Senate. I stated earlier in the semester that this initiative has been stalled in the Faculty Senate for over one year. It is has been a little over a month since I reported that your Student Government was planning to resurrect the proposal and initiate a more candid discussion regarding the posited fall break. Since that announcement I have met with many key members of the Faculty Senate and lobbied hard on behalf of the Student Body. While there are those who are in full support of the proposal, I am disheartened by what I have been hearing from those opposed to the idea of fall break.

In a conversation with the Chair of the Faculty Senate after the October meeting it was hinted that there was such resounding contention to the proposal mainly due to an egotistical necessity to maintain autonomy from Purdue University West Lafayette. He went even further, stating that the primary mission of a university is not student centric but focused rather on faculty research and grant writing. An interesting position to take considering that were it not for Purdue University Calumet Student Body there would be no purpose for a Faculty Senate. Another member of the Faculty Senate stated that Purdue University Calumet students were not a main constituency. Such a hard-line to take for members of a body which has unequivocal authority over the curriculum and the academic calendar at Purdue University Calumet.

At the October meeting of the Faculty Senate is was stated that the deadline for changing the 2010-2011 academic calendar was December 1st 2009. It may seem like two months would be more than enough time to make a decision regarding whether or not to institute what is essentially a two-day break, but that is definitely not the case. The December meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for December 2nd which, being the day after the deadline, means that a decision must be made at the November meeting which is this Wednesday at 3:30pm in SULB 321. I have asked that the Academic Support Services Committee, which oversees the creation of the academic calendar, prepare a mock-up of the 2010-2011 academic calendar that includes a two-day break in October so that the Faculty Senate can see what is being proposed and how it would effect the balance between the fall and spring semesters.

Until this point the Faculty Senate has stalled a measure that would give the Student Body a two-day break in October to rest and relax or catch-up on coursework. These stall tactics will no longer be tolerated by your Student Government. It is simply unacceptable to continue to ignore the needs of the students in order to maintain an overstated sense of autonomy. It's time that the members of the Faculty Senate do what is in the best interest of the Student Body.

The Student Government will continue to advocate for the Student Body and push for a fall break at Purdue University Calumet but we need your help. Please attend the Faculty Senate meeting this Wednesday at 3:30pm in SULB 321 and show your support for the Fall Break Proposal. If you are interested in helping us with this campaign please send an email to pucstudent.gov@gmail.com with "Give Me A Break!" as the subject or give us a call at (219) 989-2885.

~ **David Ober,** Student Body President

What's Going On?
A Look Around...

PUC's Got Talent – Auditions
Student Activities is looking for talented singers, dancers, bands, musicians, jugglers, and other acts to perform at PUC's Got Talent. The show will be held on Friday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall. To audition, call 989-2369. The top prize includes four hours in a professional recording studio (a $240 value) and more! Sign up today!

"Faces of Suicide"talk is Nov. 5
An internationally recognized expert on self-injury treatment, Wendy Lader, will be the keynote speaker of a conference focusing on "Faces of Suicide: Suicide and Self-Injury," Thursday, Nov. 5 at Purdue University Calumet.

Backpacks to Briefcases
"Federal careers: take the mystery out of resumes and job searches", a workshop will take place Nov. 4 from 5 p.m, to 6 p.m. in SUL 321. Sponsored by Career Services.

Professionalism in the Workplace
A workshop hosted by Student Employment's Get SET series on Nov. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

Part-Time Jobs Career Fair
Sponsored by Career Services, this career fair will be held at the Merrillville Academic Learning Center on Nov. 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Collect the Evidence: Application Documents
Graduate School Investigation helps students with résumés, results, and recommendations on Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in SUL 321. Sponsored by Career Services.

Help needed for set building
Help is needed to construct scenery for the Purdue Theatre Company on the upcoming play, Off the Map. Scenery will be built on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Hall. For more information call Corya Channing at 989-2267.

Writing Center presents MS Word workshop
The Writing Center presents Microsoft Word 101, an interactive workshop on how to use Microsoft Word 2007 to format an academic paper. PUC students and community members may attend on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 90 minutes. For more information, or to RSVP for a session, call the Writing Center at 219/989-2200. Students are welcome to attend without advanced reservations, but those who make reservations will be guaranteed a seat.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
Get Involved. Get Connected. Have Fun.
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Tuesday, Nov. 3
Wii Fun & Games
11am to 1pm; Calumet Falls, SUL

Wednesday, Nov. 4
Deadline for acts to register for PUC's Got Talent, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5
Pep Rally
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Calumet Falls, SUL

Saturday, Nov. 7
Homecoming Dance
9 p.m. to midnight
Calumet Conf. Ctr.; Free with PUC ID
One Guest ($5) Per PUC Student
Vote for King & Queen Candidates
Call 989-2369 for details.

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chroncle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

An article last Sunday entitled "New 'Women in Business' group hopes to take campus by storm" was listed as a story by Marissa O'Donley. However, this article was written by the Assistant News Editor Andrea Drac.

In last week's article on the Lady Peregrines, Alex Starr was misquoted. Her quote should have read "Lady Peregrines can't relax once they get ahead."

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Facebook is creepy. Use it.

Catherine Grace
Managing Editor

"I apologize if this phone call is odd," the woman said. Inside, I was screaming over the undeniable creep factor, but I told her I appreciated the open communication.

Not an hour before this conversation, I was being a typical college student perusing Facebook. I didn't imagine anybody of consequence would see I had left a comment on one of Congressman Pete Visclosksy's (D-IN) rather infrequent status updates.

When I glanced at my phone several minutes later, I had a voicemail left by Visclosky's Merrillville office.

"Catherine, I was actually calling to follow up on a message we received online," said an office worker. "I wanted to see if there was anything the Congressman's office could do to assist you."

I immediately wondered how the office found my cell phone number, since it is not on my Facebook profile, but I remembered giving my information when previously calling about legislation.

In an effort to contact a concerned constituent, the office worker must have looked me up by name in their database to find my telephone number. I would have been just as pleased – and a lot less creeped out – had someone simply replied via Facebook.

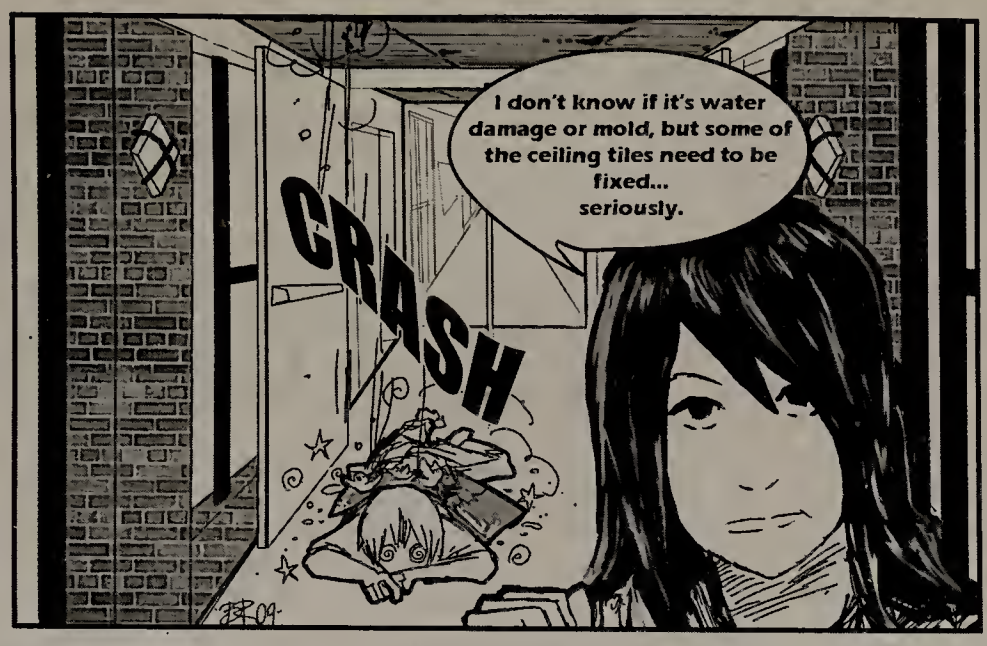
This occurred before when I wrote a comment on Congressman Mike Pence's (R-IN) Facebook status. Again thinking nobody would really read, I wrote I was part of a university newspaper and was curious how Pence might answer a question. Within a few hours, Pence himself wrote back and gave me a private number to call. Without even trying, I landed an interview with the third-ranking Republican in the U.S. House.

Even last Saturday, I went to an event where the newly-elected Lake County GOP Chairwoman, Kim Krull, knew me from a Facebook group. I could hardly spit my whole name out in introduction before it clicked in her mind; and there I stood, known by name to a "somebody" before I even met them.

I often think of the Internet as a vast of faceless, nameless people. We've all heard we have to be careful, because we never know what people will see. But be it your future employer trolling your account or your representatives listening to you, Facebook can be a net positive with the right approach, despite its potential for creepiness.

Use this spotlight to your advantage. If one can make a bad name on the Internet, one can make a good name. Someday, as what happened to me Saturday morning, you may be introduced to someone who remembers the impression, good or bad, you made and the reputation you built on the Internet.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Catherine at chronicle.production@gmail.com or (219) 989-2547.



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We're not kids, but we still matter

The issue: Offenders cannot live near a school, but they can near us

Our position: "Safe Zones" should apply to the PUC campus

When a person is convicted of rape, child molestation, or other such crimes, he or she must register with a national database. The convict's ability to live wherever desired becomes severely restricted due to laws which keep a safe distance between offenders and local schools, or just about anywhere juveniles may congregate. Seemingly, housing an offender at least several blocks from children will keep them from being a repeat offender. Or such is the logic of the law.

Yet, not all registered offenders targeted children. Many targeted adults, yet there are no restrictions or "space zones" between those offenders and their community. They are allowed to co-exist with others, but using the logic of the child molestation laws, the persons surrounding them are potential victims.

The restrictions in place after an offender is released from prison are reasonable and sound. It is hard to imagine support for a child rapist to live next door to a public elementary school, but we must question whether living several blocks away will make much difference.

If there is a fear of relapse, perhaps the offender should not be allowed on the streets at all. Nonetheless, we cannot guarantee there will be no re-offenders. There is no perfect solution upon their prison release to keep the community safe, just attempts at making the fellow inhabitants feel at ease.

With that, we must wonder why so many offenders, at least 203 within a 5 mile radius, live in the surroundings of the PUC campus. With our own campus crimes combined with national stories of college students' rape and murder, it's about time the law included university campuses in its list of no-go areas for those convicted of such heinous crimes.

While we may not be juveniles, there should be just as much safe distance between PUC students and these offenders. If such housing measures supposedly work when a juvenile-filled school is involved, the same measures should apply to other places of vulnerability.

However, society, or rather, a courtroom judge, feels the convicts have paid their debt to society. Or have they? Can PUC students ever really feel safe?

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Turkey Day! Hooray!

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

Sorry, Halloween isn't a favorite. Never saw a reason to dress up and beg for candy or, in more grown up years, dress up and go to the local watering hole with other grown ups and get intoxicated. I can do that just as well without the costume.

Thanksgiving is more like it. Call me cheesy if you like, but it's one of my favorites.

I always had the fondest memories of Thanksgiving. When else is it acceptable to eat until you have to unbutton your jeans.

Plus, it's the only day when you're forced to spend time with both sides of your family.

It's a day on which guys sit on the couch and literally turn into potatoes as they watch the Detroit Lions lose and cheer against the Dallas Cowboys. Beer and stories are passed around from one potato to another.

Yes, it should be called the Triple F Day—food, football and family.

This is the ultimate holiday. Christmas is nice, but you still have to save money so you can buy everyone and their mother a present. While I'm all for the giving of gifts, I don't understand making yourself go broke in the process.

Don't get me wrong, I do like Christmas, but again, turkey day is my favorite.

On what other holidays do millions of people traverse the country for the purpose of eating with other people? That statement on its own is amazing. A lot of animals forage wide and far for food; we do it to give thanks.

Yep, Thanksgiving is just amazing.

It is time for people to take the Halloween decorations down, but it's not late enough to begin the process of decorating for Christmas. Thanksgiving is the perfect medium between the two-- a way to transition from playing dress up to going broke.

With that logic, why not concede that Thanksgiving is your favorite holiday as well?

It's a happy day when the calendar turns to November, the month of leaves falling and possible snow. Fall is in the air, and winter not far behind. Old St. Nick is still making his lists and checking it twice. The grim reaper is putting his sickle back in the shed for winter.

Soon families will pack up and start the pilgrimage across the country in search of food, football and family.

I can't wait.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Casey at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

The purpose of freshman experience courses

Carl Kurek
Staff Writer

Love them or hate them, freshman experience courses serve a purpose. The general intent is to help incoming students get ready for college life and improve the retention rate at PUC. Specific criteria were proposed and goals set for these courses, but some question whether these freshman seminars are really aiding the success of students.

In 2003, the Faculty Senate passed an amendment to the general education requirements which added a requirement for a one to three credit hour freshman seminar for all entering freshman and transfer students with less than 60 credits. These courses are intended to educate students of campus resources, goal setting, value exploration, the relationship of academic planning to life goals, fields of study, specific career exploration and critical thinking.

The overall intent behind this amendment was to raise PUC's retention rate. It has done so, from 62 percent to 72 percent. Nearly 40 percent of freshmen not returning may sound bad to some, but it is actually average for many colleges in the state with similar student populations.

"If you have a series of first-year students who enroll then drop out, you almost have a revolving door, and that's not good," said Daniel Dunn, dean of LASS. "You will become dependent on recruiting and might be recruiting students who aren't ready."

The Assessment of Freshman Seminars at PUC evaluated the success of Freshman Seminars in the 2006-2007 academic year. It said incoming freshmen have a first year experience and it is up to the institution to make every effort to ensure the experience is a positive one.

According to the document, research shows if the transition during the first semester goes well for the incoming student, success is likely to follow.

All of PUC's academic departments have since developed their own versions of the course. The Assessment found the course content and delivery largely based on the instructor. Faculty who teach these courses are more likely to focus on the discipline, while

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According to The National Center for Education Statistics

- Of about 8,400 full-time first-year undergraduate students at IU have a 66 percent retention rate.
- IUPU has about 11,600 students with a retention rate of 63 percent.
- University of Southern Indiana has approximately 9,320 students and a retention rate of 66 percent.
- Vincennes University has 11,500 undergraduates with a 65 percent retention rate.

Campus safety

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Rashes of crimes have occurred over the past two semesters on and near campus at PUC.

These crimes include a shooting that occurred on Sept. 24, where the victim was unharmed but sustained damage to her vehicle; an assault on a male and female student in the first floor of Anderson on April 16; an attempted carjacking Feb. 25 outside of Gyte; and a gun-related incident outside of the Fitness and Recreation Center on Feb. 24.

In addition to the aforementioned crimes, according to the Indiana Sex Offender Registry, there are 150 sex and violent offenders living within a 5 mile radius of the PUC campus. In Indiana, registered sex offenders are those accused of rape, molestation, and sexual assault.

After the April 16 assault, the PUC homepage stated that security would have "a more visible presence inside campus buildings between dusk and building closure time." However, according to some PUC students, this may not be the case.

Many students on campus attend evening classes due to work or family obligations during the day. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, the PUC parking lots tend to empty out considerably, with only a handful of cars scattered throughout the lot. Safety remains a concern on many students' minds.

Miranda Morley, an English graduate and English 104 instructor at PUC states that in the evening, she doesn't feel safe.

"Every time I'm there after 10 p.m., I do feel particularly unsafe. A couple of times I have asked for someone to walk me to my car. Whenever I'm [at PUC] at an off hour—well after ten, on Friday night, or on a weekend—those crimes on campus keep going through my head," Morley said.

PUC Writing Center tutor Jela Latinovich expressed similar concerns.

"I don't feel particularly safe on campus in the evening. Most of the parking lot is not well-lit, and security is usually not roaming around campus as they should be."

Latinovich also said she didn't feel security was doing a bad job, but said there should be more security walking around campus.

MSNBC reports more than 23 states ban registered sex offenders from living close to schools or areas frequented by juveniles; however, no law states that this protection extends to areas surrounding college campuses.

During an Oct. 23 SGA meeting, safety on campus was discussed. One of the acts the SGA put forward was for increased security and safety measures on campus. The act moved to "increase safety council meetings from once a year to four times a year."

According to CampusView.com, students need to let someone know their class and activity schedule, and include phone numbers to campus buildings since. As CampusView wrote, creating a "buddy system" assures trusted individuals know your whereabouts.

Another suggestion is to never walk alone to your car at night. If possible, walk with classmates to assure safety in numbers.

"I have a class that gets out at 9:30 p.m. on Mondays, and sometimes I noticed the female students walking in groups to the parking garage," Herb Burley, an OLS major, said, "On occasion, I walk a couple of them to their cars."

If in a position where one cannot walk with a group, CampusView suggests keeping two items with at all times: a whistle and a small can of aerosol hairspray or perfume. If placed in a threatening position, the hairspray or perfume can be sprayed into the perpetrator's eyes. The whistle can then be blown while safety is sought.

For those living in dorms, CampusView recommends keeping a roommate informed. The group also suggests keeping a cell phone on at all times since police can track the pings just in case something does occur.

'Shattered Images' provides view on China's modernization

Joelle Halon
Staff Writer

Chronicle photo by Parvizsho Aminov

Yi Sun speaks about topics like "silk ladies," young women in the Chinese workplace and the working enviroments of migrant workers during "Shattered Identity and Marketing Femininity."

Although China's modernization has affected women positively by providing new educational opportunities and the creation of a new middle class, the modernization has also had negative effects.

Oct. 29, "Shattered Identity and Marketing Femininity: The Changing Experiences of Women during China's Economic Modernization" was presented in YJean Chambers. University of San Diego Associate Professor of History Yi Sun discussed how the modernization and industrialization of China affects Chinese women.

According to Sun, discrimination has increased in the workplace, which includes unequal pay and forced early retirement. Furthermore, domestic violence has also increased.

During the modernization period – which mainly occurred after the death of Mao Zedong, the first chairman of the Communist Party of China – the view of women went from "iron girls" to "silk ladies."

As Sun said, the term "silk lady" refers to the increased focus on a woman's outer appearance as instead of her inner beauty. Sun continued by mentioning that women are hired in many businesses based on their young ages, fair complexions, and beautiful features.

Along with the emphasis on outer beauty, Sun said a second wave of concubines is occurring in China. A concubine is a sex slave, which, as Sun states, can be seen in the film "Raise the Red Lantern." According to Sun, the taking of a concubine indicates wealth and makes an individual more marketable.

Sun also mentioned many of China's young women who begin working have to sign a "youth contract" in order to begin their jobs. The youth contract says that young women cannot get married or have children within five years of their hiring. Sun said that many women have complained about this because of violations to their reproductive rights.

Women in rural communities are also affected by modernization.

"Two million people are a part of China's 'floating population' of migrant workers," Sun said.

Many of these workers do much of China's hazardous work, especially in the "Town of Electronic Wastes," where the United States sends used and broken electronics for cleanup. According to Sun, individuals who work in these areas have a low happiness index.

Another aspect of China's growth affecting woman is the flourishing sex industry. Although some women choose to go into this field, Sun said that many of China's sex workers are forced into the trade due to laws that do not protect women from these jobs. Sun also said that prostitution is one of the leading causes

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Do you know what it is like to be 'Sold'?

more2girls.org

Michelle Blaundin
Staff Writer

Students taking PUC's English 100 course are aware of the novel "Sold" by Patricia McCormick, but others should also be informed of this powerful story.

McCormick traveled to Nepal and India to interview the rescued women of the human trafficking industry in Calcutta's red-light district. Her graphic view shows the conditions in which young girls and women of the East live. Oftentimes, young girls are sold to profit their poverty-stricken families.

The point of view of a 13-year-old girl named Lakshmi is prominently used to show a compilation of stories of tragedy in these women's lives.

In the beginning of the novel, Lakshmi describes her life of poverty as wholesome and humble, full of hopes and dreams and a familiar sense of belonging. As the story progresses, she discovers the hopes and dreams she was once promised become shattered into empty promises when she is sold to a sex-trafficking ring.

Even through her horrible ordeal, the character of Lakshmi is amazingly strong-willed and brave. She battles her reality with a fierce heart and refuses the defeat that is being pushed on her from all directions.

"Sold" forces readers to take a step back and examine their own life, causing them to wonder, "Is my life really so hard?" It makes readers speculate on how women are treated and viewed in America, as well as how we value wealth in this country.

McCormick's writing and research shows compassion, insight, integrity and most of all, hope. However, it also gives grim but realistic details of corruption on a deep level that many may not wish to understand.

This novel is an inspiration to the ideas of standing up for what you believe in and the prospect of never giving up hope.

Even though the women represented in this novel are now free, they are still haunted by their past, and that is evident.

McCormick's research helped to make a difference for the women in Calcutta's red-light district. The story of the character of Lakshmi told the tale of many women fighting the injustice of the system in which they lived, and this helped to bring awareness to the proper officials in the district.

This novel should be a must-read for everyone. The strong message of this story will touch the hearts of everyone who reads it. Hopefully, this reaction will cause readers to look for a way to help put a stop to the tragic way in which many women in Calcutta's red-light district are forced to live.

For more information on how to help, please visit http://www.humantrafficking.org/

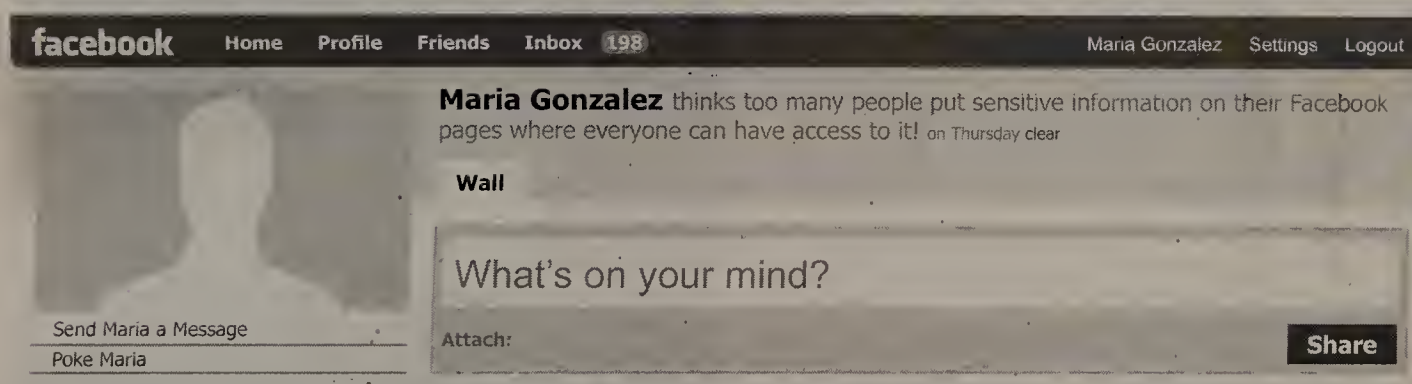
THE STATISTICS

• Each year, an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 men, women, and children are trafficked across international borders (some international and non-governmental organizations place the number far higher), and the trade is growing. Source -U.S. Department of State. 2004. Trafficking in Persons Report

• Human trafficking is the third most profitable criminal activity, following only drug and arms trafficking. An estimated $9.5 billion is generated in annual revenue from all trafficking activities, with at least $4 billion attributed to the worldwide brothel industry. - Source -U.S. Department of State. 2004. Trafficking in Persons Report

• The largest number of people trafficked into the United States come from East Asia and the Pacific (5,000 to 7,000 victims). The next highest numbers come from Latin America and from Europe and Eurasia, with between 3,500 and 5,500 victims from each. Source - U.S. Agency for International Development. 2004 Assessment of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The do's and don'ts of Facebook



Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Social networking websites such as Facebook have become a common part of our daily lives. Many of us rely on Facebook for communication, venting out frustrations, or even for classes. What many may not think about when posting day-to-day updates are potential employers critiquing or judging potential employees based on their Facebook account. Here are a few tips on how to not let your social network site influence a potential employer in a negative way.

First off, a profile picture should be neutral if not professional. This doesn't necessarily mean that the picture is going to be boring, but keep provocative and cartoony pictures tucked away where the world cannot see them. Remember, as an employee or future employee you are carrying the name of whatever company you work for. Provocative pictures never look good, especially when you can run the risk of future clients seeing your profile as well.

In addition to personal pictures, it is wise to be cautious of the pictures friends post as well. If a majority of a person's friends are posting pictures that can be considered 'too sexy' then it's possible that employers will view you as a spitting image of your friends. While it is impossible to prevent all friends from posting pictures of their choice, it is possible to prevent who is allowed to see a person's list of friends. Take advantage of the privacy settings that Facebook offers.

If you do want your profile to be visible to everyone, be safe in the choices you make. For instance, sharing personal information such as interest in photography, Latin American history, and origami is okay. However, showing personal addresses, names of children or children's pictures may not be a good idea, because you never know who or why someone is viewing your profile.

As for the wall on Facebook, it is possible to openly display it but out of common courtesy, don't make plans with people through wall posts. Save personal plans for personal emails or phone calls. If you've been invited to an event and plan to go, send an email or text message straight to the person that invited you versus announcing your plans and confirmation on your wall, because you never know who may also be viewing the plans.

Many do find it difficult to have a profile on a social network and to keep it professional at all times is rough, however, there is the option of having two profiles.

Many people keep one profile strictly for personal friends and the other strictly for professional business networking and coworkers. When keeping two profiles, you would still have to make sure your picture, if viewable to everyone, is appropriate and everything on your personal profile is private, while your professional profile can remain public, or if desired, private.

According to Careerbuilder.com, 20 percent of companies admit to checking social networking sites such as Facebook and Myspace in order to weed out potential employees, and 24 percent were hired based on their social networking site. So when applying for a job, remember to check your Facebook account for any problems, because your future job may depend on it.

Something you should know

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Kameron Bright - 32
Position: Center
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'6"
Hometown: Fort Wayne, Ind.
High School: Wayne
Major: Pharmacy

Bo Ray - 12
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Height: 5'9"
Hometown: Fort Wayne, Ind.
High School: Wayne
Major: Undecided

Joel Gotshall - 4
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'4"
Hometown: Logansport, Ind.
High School: Logansport
Major: Finance

Jordan Champion - 23
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'2"
Hometown: Logansport, Ind.
High School: Logansport
Major: Biology

Kedric Williams - 10
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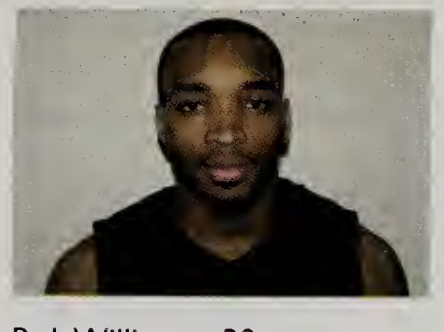
High School: Normal Community
Major: Undecided



Rob Williams - 30
Position: Guard
Class: Junior
Height: 6'0
Hometown: Gary, Ind.
High School: West Side
Major: Accounting

Brant Stockamp - 33
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'5
Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.
High School: University
Major: Entrepreneurship

Marcus Starks
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'6"
Hometown: Gary
High School: Gary Wirt
Major: Unknown

Logansport's donation

Zach Heridia
Staff Writer

Coach Dan Voudrie has a Champion on this year's squad. He also has a Gotshall.

The freshman duo from Logansport, Joel Gotshall and Jordan Champion, are important to the freshman class, the team and each other. According to Voudrie, the duo gets along great, which is important because he believes that recruiting high school teammates is a dangerous proposition.

"You don't know their histories together. There could be a lot of back stories," Voudrie said. "I like them because they have good experiences. They were playing in a tough high school conference. The North Central Conference is the most celebrated conference in the state. They have top-notch teams every year and both of them played well in it."

But he didn't originally recruit them both. The reason that Voudrie didn't recruit both players immediately was exposure. While Gotshall was an all-conference player, Champion was playing well and losing the spotlight to the bigger player. Voudrie was looking for a player who could play small forward or tall shooting guard, so he found Gotshall.

"Knowing our needs, I knew that Joel would fit our team and our needs. He was a good player. I liked him, but while he was playing well, I couldn't help but notice his teammate," Voudrie said. "Jordan was the best 3-point shooter in the conference. I stayed neutral but knew of him and followed his stats. As the recruiting class came together I had to make a decision."

The decision was influenced by Gotshall who had already signed with PUC. According to Voudrie, one day in late spring or early summer he asked the people working out with the team about a shooter, someone the team could trust to make a positive impact.

"'What about Jordan?' I asked. Joel said 'Yeah, he's my best friend. I'll see if he's interested,'" said Voudrie.

"What coach wouldn't want a kid like that: 3-point shooter, son of a coach, solid student, head in the right place, friendly and a leader? And what kid in Indiana wouldn't want our situation. It was guaranteed playing time as a freshman. So he joined. He was one of the last, but important." Voudrie added.

As roommates, Gotshall and Champion are best friends, teammates and share a class.

"We help each other out.

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Antonio McNeal - 31
Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Height: 6'1"
Hometown: Hammond, Ind.
High School: Gavit
Major: Fitness Management

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Aaron Evans - 3
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'2"
Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.
High School: Roncalli
Major: Business Management

Mark Sutter - 20
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'4"
Hometown: Elkhart, Ind.
High School: Elkhart Central
Major: Accounting

Will Schenkel - 5
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Class: Freshman
Height: 6'5"
Hometown: Huntington, Ind.
High School: Huntington North
Major: Accounting

Eric Summers - 54
Position: Center
Class: Freshman
Height: 6'8"
Hometown: Dyer, Ind.
High School: Lake Central
Major: Mathematics

Neal Hudson - 25
Position: Forward
Class: Junior
Height: 6'5"
Hometown: Gary, Ind.
High School: Hobart
Major: Accounting

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Position: Forward
Class: Junior
Height: 6'6"
Hometown: Gary, Ind.
High School: West Side
Major: Pre-Dentistry

November			
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Fri. 11/6/09	Indiana Wesleyan U.	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/7/09	Indiana Wesleyan U. vs. East West University	Fitness Center	12.00 p.m.
Sat. 11/7/09	IU Northwest	Fitness Center	4:00 p.m.
11/13/09	IU East	@Richmond, IN	9:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	IU Southeast	@Richmond, IN	3:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Michigan Dearborn	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
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Fri. 12/4/09	St Francis	@Joliet, IL	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 12/5/09	Trine University	Fitness Center	3:00 p..m.
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Sat. 12/12/09	IU East	Fitness Center	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 12/19/09	St. Ambrose University	@Davenport, IA	3:00 p.m.
Tue. 12/22/09	Lewis University	@Romeoville, IL	7:30 p.m.
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Wed. 1/13/10	Judson University	@Elgin, IL	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 1/16/10	Holy Cross	Fitness Center	3:00 p.m.
Wed. 1/20/10	Purdue North Central	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 1/23/10	Cardinal Stritch U.	@Milwaukee, WI	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 1/27/10	Calumet College	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 1/30/10	Trinity Int'l University	@Deerfield, IL	7:30 p.m.
February			
Wed. 2/3/10	Trinity Christian College	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 2/6/10	Judson University	Fitness Center	3:00 p.m.
Wed. 2/10/10	Holy Cross	@South Bend, IN	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 2/13/10	Purdue North Central	@LaPorte, IN	2:00
Wed. 2/17/10	Cardinal Stritch U.	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
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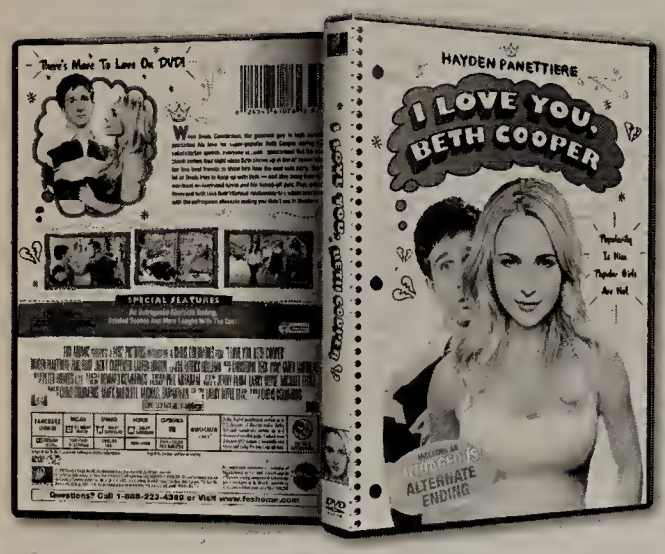
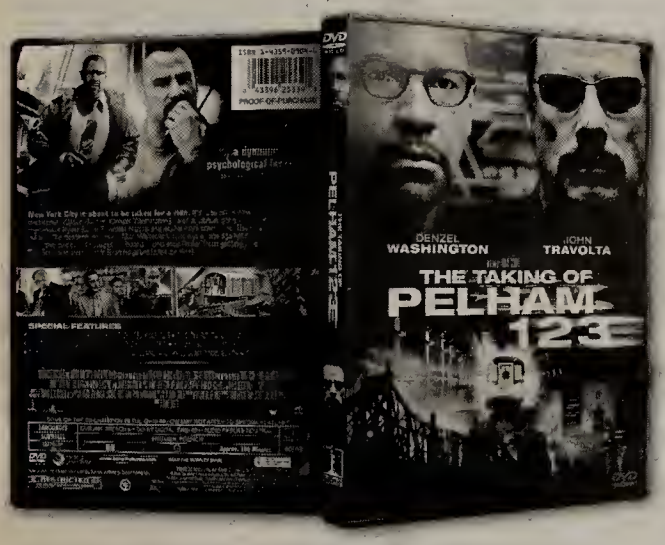
The VouDrie

This week's DVD releases



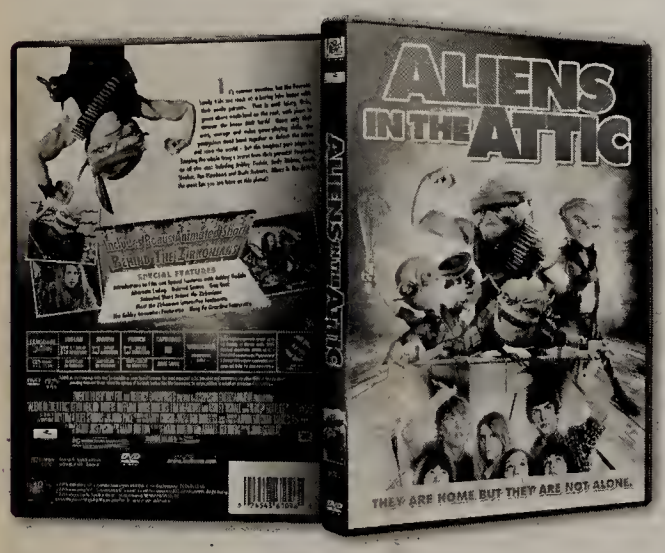
After geeky high school valedictorian Denis declares his love for Beth Cooper – the most popular girl in the graduating class – during his speech, Beth shows up to his house ready to show him a night he will never forget.

Comedy - Rated PG-13 for sexual content, language, drug references and teen drinking.



A New York City train dispatcher tries to outsmart the mastermind behind the hijacking of a subway.

Drama - Rated R for language and violence.



The Pearson family travels to their vacation home, where the children discover strange creatures living in their attic.

Family - Rated PG for action violence, suggestive humor and languge.

This play is three times better than 'Richard I'

William Koester
Staff Writer

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Since opening in 1999, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater has been a central fixture of Navy Pier. The group has put on a variety of productions over the years, from Shakespeare's classics to relatively recent works. At just over 500 seats, the venue is more intimate than most live theater.

The CST kicked off its 2009-2010 season on Sept. 23. The first play of the season is Shakespeare's tragedy "Richard III."

The play is set against the backdrop of the "War of the Roses." Prior to the play, the title character, played by Wallace Acton, has helped his brother Edward IV of York (Matt DeCaro) usurp the throne of England. As the plot unfolds, Richard puts into motion a grand scheme to become king himself.

Eventually, Richard manipulates and murders his way to the throne, but his own arrogance and paranoia bring upon his downfall. Faced with both mistrust from his allies and a rebel invasion, Richard's reign begins to unravel.

The historical backdrop to the story, as well as the relationships between the figures portrayed, is very tangled. Indeed, if it were not for the program, which features some historical context and a family tree that links all the characters, many would be hopelessly lost. Even with said program, it's somewhat hard to remember who's who.

At times, the play itself is also a little hard to follow. Several characters only appear in one or two scenes, and some major plot points happen offstage. One could easily miss something important if they did not pay attention.

If the viewer does pay attention though, they are in for a treat. The CST always puts on a good show, and "Richard III" is no exception.

The CST performs some Shakespearean plays traditionally, while other times updating the production for a contemporary audience. "Richard III" does a little of both, featuring Old English costumes and the traditional empty stage, while adding some interesting modern-day props and hard rock music in between scenes. It's a nice balance that makes for an entertaining production.

In the title role, Wallace Acton delivers an inspiring performance. The real Richard III was said to be a hunchback and was written in the play as such, though in this production, Acton just looks like he has a pillow tucked in his costume. Despite obviously not looking crippled, he is absolutely perfect at capturing the essence of the character. He is so slimy and reprehensible, yet the audience enjoys every second that he is on stage.

The rest of the cast is also good. Sometimes they overact, but in live theater, it is not necessarily a bad thing. Surprisingly, the play is also very funny at parts; for all the scheming and murdering, there is quite a bit of black humor and witty dialogue.

"Richard III" runs through Nov. 22 at Navy Pier. Anybody looking for an enjoyable afternoon or evening in the city can do no wrong with this play.

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Viral Videos

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Epic Parking Fail!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX9re5F8e8o

While I haven't witnessed anyone this bad at parking, the University Parking Garage has hosted some people who are also pretty bad at parking.

There Goes The TV...
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZGajz8cgi4

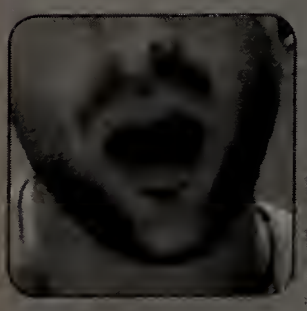
"Our first product to be sold is a new Nintendo Wii and our next product will be a slightly damaged high-definition television..."

The Strange Voca People
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JE82J0NuNaw

If anyone wanted to know what the Blue Man Group would be like in choral harmony, then I assume you are in luck with the Voca People.

Piano Stairs
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IXh2n0aPyw

Is it possible to convince a majority of people to take the stairs instead of an elevator? The people at thefuntheory.com look to find out when they set up the stairs to look and act like a giant piano and film the results.



Backstreet Boys Lip Dub at Work
http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1923223

Graduates could take comfort that this video was possibly shot at the job where they work. Think about that when you hand in your numerous cover letters and resumes while job hunting.

Kseniya Simonova's Amazing Sand Drawings
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOhf3OvRXKg

Kseniya Simonova, who won the 2009 Ukraine's Got Talent, shows off her amazing skill of forming beautiful pieces of art, one after another, with just a giant light box and sand.

Chevelle puts experience into 'Crimes'

Michelle Blaundin
Staff Writer

Chevelle has accomplished another masterpiece in their recent release on Sept. 1, with "Sci-Fi Crimes."

This album delivers melodic verses and free-flowing knowledge that is packed with build-ups and break-downs from one track to the next.

In this fifth album from the Chicago-native band Chevelle, they try to artistically share the idea of "strange happenings among us on earth." Fans notice this theme from the moment they lay eyes on the artwork and read the titles of the songs.

The ideas brought forth on this album, from sleep disorders and conspiracy theories to the entities in between, are what make this album so intriguing. The lyrics provoke feelings within the listener, questioning social perceptions.

The lead track, "Sleep Apnea," is about lead singer and guitar player Pete Loeffler's experience of his bout with the disorder.

The rest of the songs on this album also have interesting back stories. The song "Highland's Apparition" is based on an experience at a haunted house, while the song "Rosswell's Spell" was inspired by a visit to a UFO museum in New Mexico.

The hit single "Jars" is about bad reasons for "going green." "Letters from a Thief" is about the bands personal experience when their equipment was stolen at a tour stop, a matter which the band has reportedly not forgiven or forgotten.

Throughout this album, Loeffler's point of view on these strange and unusual topics is vocally delivered in an unforgettable way.

The instruments are as pungent as the vocals, and the feel of the rhythm speeds you up while slowing you down.

Chevelle has been critically acclaimed in the "Christian-Rock" genre, but is also known under the "Alternative" genre. The band belongs to a Christian record label and has played at many different Christian concerts.

The collaboration of Chevelle's sound is similar to the bands Korn and Tool. Loeffler has been recognized for having the same vocal patterns as Maynard James Keenan, the lead singer of Tool.

What is greatly appreciated from the album "Sci-Fi Crimes" is their view of what is happening among us on Earth.

This album is worth the listen, and it is sure to avoid becoming another mindless album in this "fast-food evolution" of music we commonly ingest.

Health & Fitness corner

LeAnne Munoz
Entertainment Editor

The holiday season is fast approaching, which means lazy days and an extra helping of mom's homemade dinner. While these comforts can leave your body and mind feeling relaxed for a short time, this kind of behavior can add up come New Year's. Here are some great ways to work out your mid-section to keep your body in shape for the season.

According to a study done by the American Council on Exercise, the bicycle exercise is one of the best moves a person can do in order to tone up their tummy. This exercise targets the rectus abdominus, also known as "the six pack," and the obliques, or the sides of the torso. Follow these steps in order to execute this move correctly:

• Lie face up on the floor and lace your fingers behind your head.

• Bring the knees in towards the chest and lift the shoulder blades off the ground without pulling on the neck.

• Straighten the left leg out while simultaneously turning the upper body to the right, bringing the left elbow towards the right knee.

• Switch sides, bringing the right elbow towards the left knee.

• Continue alternating sides in a "pedaling" motion for 12 to 16 reps.

According to the ACE study, another effective workout to perform in order to strengthen and tone abdominals is the exercise ball crunch. Follow these steps:

• Lie face-up with the ball resting under your mid- or lower back.

• Cross your arms over your chest or place them behind your head.

• Contract your abs to lift your torso off the ball, pulling the bottom of your ribcage down toward your hips.

• As you curl up, keep the ball stable, i.e., you shouldn't roll.

• Lower back down, getting a stretch in the abs, and repeat for 12 to 16 reps.

The plank exercise is a great way to build endurance in the abdominals and the back, while stabilizing muscles. Follow these steps:

• Lie face down on a mat resting on the forearms, palms flat on the floor.

• Push off the floor, raising up onto toes and resting on the elbows.

• Keep your back flat, in a straight line from head to heels.

• Tilt your pelvis and contract your abdominals to prevent your rear end from sticking up in the air.

• Hold for 20 to 60 seconds, lower and repeat for 3 to 5 reps.

Remember, performing only abdominal exercises will not help you meet a goal of a firmer mid-section. In order to obtain a defined look, you must couple exercise with the correct nutrition plan and at least 30 minutes of effective cardio daily. Without these key ingredients in your workout routine, the only thing you will accomplish is obtaining a strong set of abdominal muscles without definition.

Another key when trying to tone a flat stomach is to drink plenty of water. Drinking water helps to burn fat within the body, and also helps to build the muscle you wish to obtain.

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'Shattered Images'

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of suicide among young Chinese women and that the trade brings great shame to anyone who partakes in it. Those involved in the porn industry often are subjected to "The Color Yellow," clothing that marks them as sex workers.

However, Sun mentioned hope for some women trying to cope with the modernization. For those looking for someone to talk to about any struggles they may be having, there is the Beijing Women's Hotline that women can call to discuss issues of abuse and discrimination. The Federation of Women is also working toward women's equality.

According to Sun, some people say the discrimination against women is temporary; it will end once the transition from Communist to Modern China is complete.

Currently, Sun is completing her manuscript entitled "Confucianism, Communism, and Commercialism—Mapping the Changing Political Culture and Women's Rights in Contemporary China," which covers more of what she presented in the Oct. 29 presentation.

Freshman experience

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advisors are more likely to focus on study skills and navigation through college.

Countless factors influence whether a student will return to PUC or not, and it is unlikely that a single program will address all of a students' needs. The assessment found the most effective method of freshmen seminar is one allowing students to make a connection with the institution. Student involvement, both academic and social, affects persistence.

"Faculty represents the key," Dunn said. "If you can relate with a faculty member about the material, the stuff, it will really help your success."

The assessment did conclude that a "hybrid model" of Freshman seminars may be the best method to use. One solution may lie in addressing PUC's 74 percent acceptance rate, 58 percent of whom actually enroll.

"We want to elevate admission qualifications, which is a good thing," Dunn said. "A student really has to be ready to go to college, and that doesn't happen to every 18-year-old."

He admitted it may be better for some students to start at community colleges, such as Ivy Tech, to take their introductory classes and become familiar with college life, then transfer to PUC for the "meaty stuff." This would benefit students and greatly improve the retention rate for PUC.

Another very effective solution may come via a pilot study PUC is funding. The study will put one group of incoming freshmen through a more extensive orientation process. PUC is going to track these students and their progress so that results can be measured.

"We'll have a group of students, and we're going to do some real special things with this group to see if we can better their experience," Dunn said.

He said that the pilot group project will really push for bonds between students and faculty.

The project will also pursue the idea of creating learning communities, that is, groups of students who take their courses *together year after year, allowing* them to develop better relationships with one another, while at the same time adding another structure of support.

Dunn said PUC is serious about trying to improve the Freshman Year Experience class, because it is more efficient to keep the students who are already here and going through the program rather than always looking for new students.

"We're really hoping that we'll be able to find that this works," said Dunn.

The pilot study will start in the summer of 2010 with an extensive orientation for incoming freshmen.

Logansport

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It's really smoothed out the transition to college," Gotshall said. "We have a class together and turn to each other once in a while and ask about things from class or homework. It's nice having this opportunity and this privilege."

Champion mentioned he has felt so welcome to PUC, it's difficult seeing a difference with or without Gotshall.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Joel and coach but the campus, the dorms, classes, the team –it's all been nice. I'm having fun and I'm enjoying just being here."

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VisBox is a Virtual Reality system at Purdue Calumet

Have you walked pasted the main computer lab and seen a Virtual Reality room called VisBox? Purdue has a virtual reality system right here on campus. The system itself consists of two 8'x10' projections screens that appear in 3D when people wear special glasses. These glasses work similar to IMAX 3D. While one screen is located in front of the users, the other is on the ground and meant to be stood upon. In this way, people can actually be immersed in virtual environments 360 degrees.

The Vis Lab is funded through the Northwest Indiana Computational Grid, NWICG. Using tracking devices, it's possible for the user to interact with data and the environment intuitively. The work done in the Vis Lab is usually for either education or research. For education it helps professors develop virtual reality applications that can be used in classes where it might be useful. On the research side of things it focuses on developing VR (virtual reality) applications that help professors tackle research problems that are difficult to solve without 3D visualization.

The room has several elaborate computer systems and seating that accommodates formal instruction. The system tracks user's head movement and hand location utilizing a tracking system This system tracks X, Y, and Z axis movements so users can be fully interactive. The device is also able to use computer level devices such as the Nintendo Wii remote. The Wii remote has changed the way people interact with games in ways never thought possible.

It will be interesting to see how this technology will be used in the future. Could this be used to develop new forms of computer interaction that are more efficient then a keyboard and mouse? (If you haven't seen it already, there is a movie called *Minority Report* that provides an excellent example of computer interaction without the need for a keyboard or mouse) The ways we interact with computers will likely change in the future as well. You can find more information on this topic at the following website: http://www.visbox.com/

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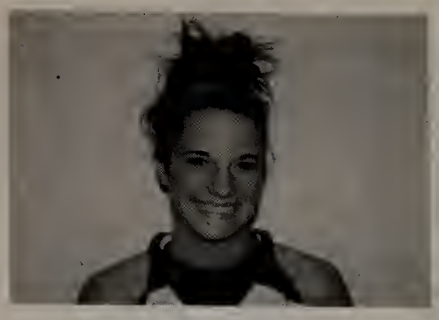

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November

Thu. 11/5/09	Michigan Dearborn	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/7/09	Spring Arbor University	Fitness Center	2:00 p m.
Fri 11/13/09	Damen College (NY)	@Amherst, NY	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	Notre Dame (OH)	@Amherst, NY	2:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Bethel College	@Mishawaka, IN	7:00
Sat. 11/21/09	St. Xavier University	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/24/09	IU South Bend	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
11/28/09	Holy Cross College	@Notre Dame, IN	12:00 p.m.

December

Wed. 12/2/09	Davenport University	@Grand Rapids, MI	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 12/5/09	Calvin College	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
Tue. 12//09	Olivet Nazarene	@Bourbonnais, IL	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 12/12/09	Goshen College	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 12/19/09	Siena Heights U.	@Adrian, MI	12:00 pm
Tue. 12/29/09	Mount Mercy College	Fitness Center	4:00 p.m.

January

Wed. 1/6/10	Trinity Int'l University	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 1/9/10	Trinity Christian College	@Palos Heights, IL	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 1/13/09	Judson University	@Elgin, IL	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 1/16/09	Holy Cross	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 1/19/09	IU Northwest	@Gary, IN	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 1/23/10	Cardinal Stritch	@Milwaukee, IN	2:00 p.m.
Wed 1/27/10	Calumet College	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 1/30/10	Trinity Int'l University	@Deerfield, IL	5:30 p.m.

February

Wed. 2/3/10	Trinity Christian College	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 2/6/10	Judson University	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Wed 2/10/10	IU South Bend	@South Bend, IN	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 2/17/10	Cardinal Stritch U.	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 2/20/10	Calumet College	@Whiting, IN	1:00 p.m.

Lady Peregrines are ready

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

As fall weather gets colder, PUC students can take heart. Lady Peregrine Basketball is ready to tip off the season. The PUC women's basketball team will begin play on Nov. 5 at the Fitness Center as they take on Michigan Dearborn.

Entering the season ranked fourth in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference's preseason poll, the Lady Peregrines are looking to improve on last year's performance.

"We hope to continually improve our performance from season to season. Our first season we had seven wins, last year we won 12. We hope to improve on that," Coach Tom Megyesi said.

Topping the CCAC at 75.2 points per game last year, the Lady Peregrines finished with a record of 5-5 in the conference, with 12-18 overall record.

Leading the way are returning players and team captains Sara Keilman, Mimi Harris and Jennifer Britton.

"They are good leaders in that they try to encourage their teammates. They're very positive and they show what it takes to be a good student athlete," Megyesi said.

Harris and Britton will set the tempo as the backcourt starters for the Lady Peregrines.

Britton, a junior majoring in elementary education, led the CCAC, making 87 3-point attempts last year with a 42.2 percent average.

Harris, a junior majoring in medicine, ranked 2nd in the CCAC for assists last season. Also during the season, she hit the 10 assist mark three times.

Senior Sara Keilman, a business management major, was a steady contributor last season with 6.2 points per game and pulling down 6.0 rebounds per game.

Megyesi said that the Lady Peregrines would continue again play a tough schedule.

"By playing tougher teams, it will expose our weaknesses and make us a better team at playoff time," Megyesi said.

The Lady Peregrines intend on doing a lot of running this year, according to Megyesi.

"Getting up and down the floor, then putting a shot up and getting back on defense," Megyesi said.

He added, the defense is the major focus this year.

"We've been really concentrating on the defense. We felt that was something we needed to work on from last year," Megyesi said, "Hopefully that will payoff."

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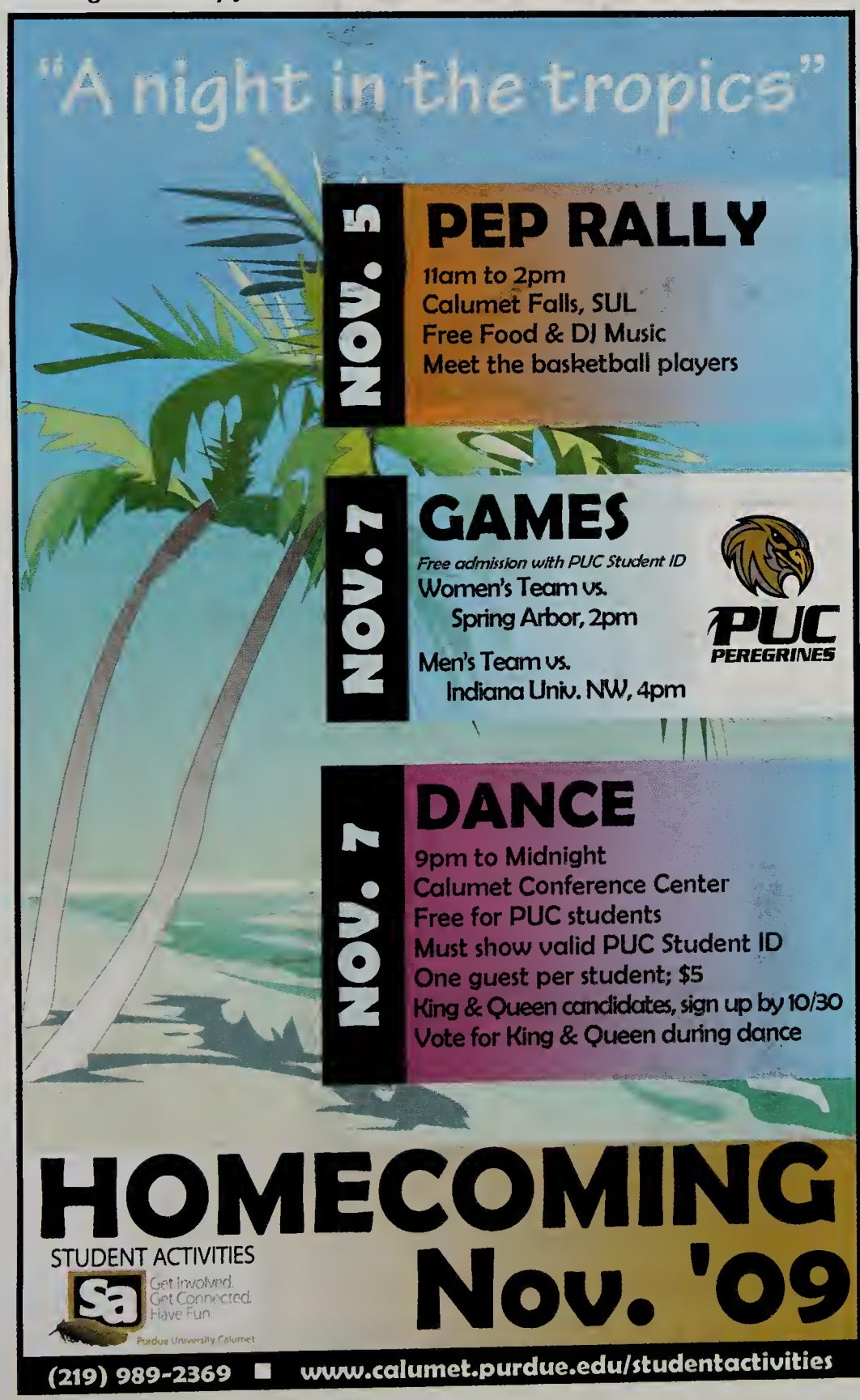
Coach Tom Megyesi instructs his players during a time out in a pre-season scrimmage.

Intramural 8-ball begins

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Answon Churchwell, who works in the Financial Aid office, plays a game of 8-ball against Kilroy Jones in the first week of the intramural 8-ball season.



Shake N Bake strikes again

Chronicle photo by Jose Cortes Jr.

Steve Gorman of Shake n' Bake runs the ball in for a touchdown. Gorman, a junior in electrical engineering, ran four touchdowns during the game.

Julie Sipek
Chronicle Correspondent

Last Wednesday's intramural flag football game was back-and-forth between the PUC Bears and Shake N Bake. In the battle of the two top teams in the league Shake N Bake emerged victorious.

Both teams came into Wednesday night's game with records of 3-1. Both teams also had specific strategies for the game.

"We knew they were fast, and we wanted to play solid defense," Shake N Bake quarterback Steve Gorman said. He is a junior electric engineering major.

The PUC Bears' strategy was less specific.

"We wanted to win every game," Marcus Summers, employee at the Fitness and Recreation Center and player on the PUC Bears said. "It hasn't been working out."

The PUC Bears started out with the ball but couldn't get a completion.

Gorman took advantage of the resulting turnover and ran the ball in for a touchdown on the second play. This was the first of four touchdown runs for Gorman.

"I just try to go the opposite way of my guys," Gorman said.

The PUC Bears then had a long touchdown pass followed by another touchdown run by Gorman.

Both teams scored on nearly every possession throughout the remainder of the first half, at which point the PUC Bears were leading 28-21.

"At the half I knew we had to come out and play better defense," Gorman said.

But the beginning of the second half didn't prove promising for Shake N Bake. On the first possession, Gorman threw an interception which resulted in a touchdown for the PUC Bears.

Gorman made up for this on the next possession with another touchdown run. He then threw a touchdown pass to tie the game at 35.

"I tried to get the momentum back," Gorman said.

The Shake N Bake quarterback then ran in another touchdown and threw another touchdown pass before the PUC Bears scored again. Shake N Bake was leading 49-42 with a minute left to play.

The PUC Bears had the ball for the last minute of the game but they couldn't execute.

"We had a lot of dropped passes," Summers said. "We didn't come through in the clutch."

Gorman "just wanted to get a win." He and his team will be heading into week 6 of the season with a record of 4-1.

"We're happy," Gorman said. "We came out on top."